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SUBJECT: REMARKS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES
FOLLOWING DINNER AT QUAI D'ORSAY, FEBRUARY 18,
1975

1. TRANSLATION OF TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY FOREIGN
MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES: QUOTE

I HAVE HAD THE HONOR AND PLEASURE OF RECEIVING THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A WORKING DINNER. UNFORTUNATELY
I WAS NOT ABLE TO OFFER A DINNER AS SUMPTUOUS AS
THE ONE HE GAVE FOR ME IN WASHINGTON, BUT I HAVE TOLD
HIM THAT I HOPE TO MEET HIM AGAIN SOON WITH MADAME
KISSINGER IN PARIS IN ORDER TO OFFER HIM A RECEPTION
COMPARABLE TO THE ONE HE ARRANGED FOR ME IN WASHINGTON.

THIS EVENING WE HAD A WORKING DINNER THAT CON-
SISTED OF A DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A CERTAIN
NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS FACING THE UNITED STATES,
FRANCE, AND THE ENTIRE OCCIDENTAL WORLD -- THE PROBLEM
OF ENERGY, THE PROBLEM OF THE CSCE. THERE IS ALSO THE
PROBLEM OF CYPRUS WHICH OCCUPIED US FOR QUITE SOME
TIME. AND WE HAVE OF COURSE SPOKEN OF OTHER IMPORTANT
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QUESTIONS. THROUGHOUT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY

CORDIAL, VERY FRANK. MR. KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE THIS EXCHANGE TOMORROW WITH THE PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE
2. TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER:
QUOTE: FIRST, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE THAT I DO NOT SPEAK TO YOU IN FRENCH. WHILE I UNDERSTAND IT WELL, I NEVER SPEAK IT TO CIVILIZED PEOPLE WITH MY ACCENT. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID. THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS AND WERE CARRIED OUT WITH GREAT CORDIALITY IN A VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND I CONSIDERED THEM EXTREMELY USEFUL.

Q. WHAT ROLE IS FRANCE GOING TO PLAY IN THE ENERGY CRISIS? DO YOU THINK THAT THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS GOING TO BE MORE IMPORTANT IN THE FUTURE?

A. I BELIEVE THAT FRANCE HAS PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE IN THE ENERGY CRISIS AND WE ARE ALWAYS EXCHANGING IDEAS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND WE ARE WORKING FOR THE SAME OBJECTIVES.

Q. IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT HAS FRANCE FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS AN IMPORTANT ROLE?

A. FRANCE HAS PURSUED AN ACTIVE POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE ALWAYS BENEFITTED FROM THE ADVICE THAT FRANCE FROM TIME TO TIME WAS ABLE TO GIVE US AND IN TURN WE KEEP THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CLOSELY INFORMED ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES.

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